

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Landfill Methane Outreach Program

Memorandum of Understanding in Brief for Industry Partners



Industry Partners include project developers, engineering consulting firms, equipment suppliers, project facilitators, and project financiers. By signing the Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) Industry Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), you are entering into a voluntary partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the goal of developing cost-effective and environmentally beneficial landfill (LFG) projects. This sheet briefly summarizes the responsibilities of each partner—EPA and the Industry Partner.

EPA LMOP Responsibilities

- Provide information on candidate landfill sites.
- Help the Industry Partner communicate its involvement in landfill gas (LFG) projects by providing media relations support, and publicly recognize the Partner's public service in protecting the environment, educating the public, and participating in LMOP.
- Create a list of participating LMOP Partners, and provide networking opportunities with experts and peers.
- Evaluate existing and planned policies and programs with an impact on LFG industry and work with other government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels, as appropriate, to encourage cost-effective project development.
- Where appropriate, evaluate specific project information when requested, and, if warranted, assist in the resolution of project issues or problems.
- Evaluate project technical and economic feasibility.
- Where appropriate, provide technical support for demonstration of innovative LFG technologies.
- Where appropriate, provide energy market analyses and outreach to potential energy buyers.
- Provide publications (e.g., brochures, updates, technical papers) that explain the benefits of LFG projects and the activities of LMOP.
- Designate an EPA LMOP liaison and notify Partner of any change in the designated liaison.

Industry Partner Responsibilities

- Provide LMOP with a list of past and current landfill gas-to-energy projects that the Partner has been involved in, indicating planned projects where LMOP can focus its efforts, and update this list annually.
- Appoint a representative as LMOP Coordinator and notify EPA of any relevant changes.
- Designate at least one LFG expert who is available to answer questions about his or her area(s) of LFG development expertise.
- Provide and annually update information on the products and services the Partner offers.
- Where appropriate, work with EPA to prepare case studies of the Industry Partner's successful LFG energy recovery projects and make one or more of the Partner's facilities available as a "showcase project" for informational tours.